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SUBJECT: SPEECH FROM THE THRONE: LOCAL REACTION IN
HALIFAX

1. THE QUEEN'S OCT 18 SPEECH FROM THE THRONE TO THE CANADIAN PARLIAMENT BROUGHT FORTH COMMENT IN HALIFAX RANGING FROM CRITICAL TO ONLY VERY MILDLY FAVORABLE. PREMIER REGAN, WHO MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPECTED TO MAKE FAVORABLE NOISES ABOUT A SPEECH DRAFTED BY HIS FELLOW LIBERALS, WAS UNAVAILABLE FOR IMMEDIATE COMMENT.

2. PC OPPOSITION LEADER JOHN BUCHANAN WAS CRITICAL OF THE GOVT'S FAILURE TO REMOVE WAGE AND PRICE CONTROLS UNTIL 1978 AND SAID SPEECH FAILED TO COME TO GRIP WITH UNIQUE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF ATLANTIC CANADA. NDP LEADER JEREMY AKERMAN ALSO DEPLORED CONTINUANCE OF CONTROLS AND FACT THAT WHEN THEY ARE FINALLY "REMOVED" THEY WILL CONTINUE UNDER ANOTHER NAME. HE ALSO CATEGORIZED SPEECH AS "VAGUE GENERALITIES" AND SAID IT CONTAINED NOTHING NEW.

3. THE PRESIDENTS OF THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES ECONOMIC
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COUNCIL AND OF THE ATLANTIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EACH MADE MILDLY FAVORABLE BUT GUARDED STATEMENTS ABOUT THE SPEECH, BUT EACH NOTED THAT THE WITHDRAWAL FROM WAGE AND PRICE CONTROLS ENUNCIATED BY THE QUEEN DID NOT EXACTLY JIBE WITH STATEMENTS MADE EARLIER BY FINANCE MINISTER CHRETEN.

4. DRAWING STRENGTH AND COMFORT FROM THE PRESENCE OF
HER MAJESTY ON CANADIAN SOIL, THE HALIFAX CHRONICLE-
HERALD CHOSE TO IGNORE DREARY ECONOMIC ISSUES AND INSTEAD
CAME FORTH WITH GUSHING EDITORIAL FOCUSING ON THE
SOVEREIGN AS A UNIFYING SYMBOL.

5. DRAFTER: JHMOORE.
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